



# LUCAS LEADER



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## Mayor's Message

By Jim Olk

While Lucas is a quiet, unique community, you will find there is a lot going on in the coming months that the entire community will be able to be a part of in some way. This is my favorite time of year, with all the upcoming holiday celebrations and spending time with family, and I hope that you will be able to spend some time with your Lucas family and see all the down-home hospitality we have to offer.

October starts the holiday season with our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Scarecrow Contest. Lucas residents and businesses are encouraged to register and create a scarecrow display at their home or place of business, choose your theme and be creative. Registration is available October 1 through 31 on the City's website at [www.lucastexas.us/news](http://www.lucastexas.us/news) and be sure to view the other scarecrows that have registered so you can take the kids on a tour around town of all the scarecrow entries. Last year we had a total of 13 creative scarecrow entries with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners receiving Walmart gift cards.

In November, events kick off with our first annual Fall Sweep Cleanup/Arbor Day event on November 4 from 8 am to 12 pm at the Lucas Community Park. Free tree saplings will be given out along with a free bag of mulch. Residents will be able to get gardening tips from the Collin County Master Gardener Association, and you will have the opportunity to take part in the Keep Lucas Beautiful Cleanup event that begins at 8 am. As a way to say thank you to our volunteers, lunch will be provided after the cleanup event. If you would like to volunteer for the cleanup event, you can register on the City's website at [www.lucastexas.us/news](http://www.lucastexas.us/news). Volunteers that complete their registration form prior to November 4 will have their name entered into a drawing for a Walmart gift card. This is also great way for students to obtain community service hours.

Also in November, the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center will be hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Ribs N' Raptors Fundraiser on November 11 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Head out to the Raptor Center and enjoy some delicious BBQ, live and silent auctions, and games and fun for the entire family. The Blackland Prairie Raptor Center is located at 1625 Brockdale Park Road.

Finally, as 2017 comes to an end, the Lucas "Country Christmas" is upon us bigger and better than before. Ice skating is back again this year and the rink is even larger, kids can take a train ride to the North Pole, and watch the Christmas tree light up the night sky. Of course, a Country Christmas wouldn't be complete without a visit from Santa and his elf.

I hope that everyone will be able to take part in some, if not all of the festivities planned in these last few months of 2017, and be a part of the Lucas community that I am blessed to represent every day.



Seven Texas constitutional amendments will be on the ballot during the November 7 election. The City of Lucas will host voting on Election Day only, November 7 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, at the Lucas Community Center located at 665 Country Club Road. Early voting will take place October 23 to November 3. For a complete listing of early voting times and locations, and to view sample ballots go to the Collin County Elections website at [http://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/election\\_information/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/election_information/Pages/default.aspx). For questions contact City Secretary Stacy Henderson at 972.912.1211 or Collin County Elections at 972.547.1990.



## Mayor Olk Accepts Scenic City Certification

The City of Lucas was presented with the Scenic City Certification on Thursday, October 5 in Houston, at an event held in conjunction with the Texas Municipal League's Annual Conference. A first-time participant in the Scenic City Certification Program, the City of Lucas emerged from its Scenic City assessment with Recognized certification. Its Comprehensive Plan contributed to the City's strong showing in terms of public infrastructure, parks and open spaces, and sign regulation that shape high quality public roadways and public spaces.

## First Responders Helping First Responders - Fill the Boot!

Lucas Fire-Rescue held their "Fill the Boot for Fulton" campaign October 4 - 6 at the Lucas Walmart, and with the generosity of the citizens of Lucas, was able to raise over \$2,700 during the 3-day event. Assistant Fire Chief Lance Gant delivered donations to the City of Fulton Volunteer Fire Department on October 14, helping the first responders in need. All monetary donations will be directly given to Fulton first responders Matt Jamison, Jonathan Peters, Michael Greenway, Samantha Greenway, Shara Harris, and others who lost everything during Hurricane Harvey. The City of Lucas and Lucas Fire Rescue would like to thank Walmart for allowing the Fire-Rescue Department to collect donations at their store, and Gardner Resources for their donation of the two signs used to promote the event.

## Second Collin County Deputy Assigned to Lucas

The City of Lucas welcomes a second Collin County Deputy to patrol and protect the citizens of Lucas. Deputy Jason Lawson brings with him over 20 years of experience. He formally worked for the City of St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department, and also served as a motorcycle officer. Because of his vast experience, the Sheriff's Office has chosen Deputy Lawson to also become a Field Training Officer to assist in training new deputies working in Collin County.

# Community Calendar

## — November —

November 2	City Council Meeting City Hall - 7 pm
November 4	Fall Sweep Clean Up and Arbor Day Event Community Park 8 am - Noon
November 4	Recycle Drop Off City Hall - 9 am - 1 pm
November 9	Planning and Zoning Meeting City Hall - 7 pm
November 16	City Council Meeting City Hall - 7 pm
November 23	Thanksgiving Holiday City offices closed
November 24	Thanksgiving Holiday City offices closed
November 28	Parks Board Meeting CANCELLED

## — December —

December 1	Country Christmas Lucas Community Park 6 pm - 9 pm
December 2	Recycle Drop Off City Hall - 9 am - 1pm
December 7	City Council Meeting City Hall - 7 pm
December 14	Planning and Zoning Meeting City Hall - 7 pm
December 21	City Council Meeting City Hall - 7 pm
December 25	Christmas Holiday City offices closed
December 26	Christmas Holiday City offices closed
December 26	Parks Board Meeting CANCELLED

# ● ● ● Upcoming Events ● ● ●

Stop by the newest trailhead in Lucas located at 745 East Winningkoff Road on **Saturday, October 28 at 8 am** to cut the ribbon and officially open the Winningkoff Trailhead. Horses are welcome and a trail ride is scheduled after opening festivities. The City of Lucas Fall Sweep Clean-Up/Arbor Day event is coming up on **November 4 from 8 am to 12 pm** at the Lucas Community Park. Volunteers who submit their completed registration forms for the cleanup event prior to November 4 will have their names entered into a drawing for a Walmart gift card (must be present to win). To register go to [www.lucastexas.us/news](http://www.lucastexas.us/news).

## Recycling Drop-Off Calendar

Be sure to come by City Hall located at 665 Country Club Road and drop off your recycling items on any of the dates listed below between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Barnes Waste Disposal and City Staff will be at City Hall collecting your recyclable items. Remember to bring proof of residency such as a drivers license or utility bill.

### Remaining Dates for 2017

November 4, 2017  
December 2, 2017

### Drop-off Dates for 2018

January 13, 2018  
February 3, 2018  
March 3, 2018  
April 7, 2018  
May 5, 2018  
June 9, 2018  
July 14, 2018  
August 4, 2018  
September 15, 2018  
October 6, 2018  
November 3, 2018  
December 8, 2018

During our first recycling event held on October 7, approximately 142 customers utilized the recycling drop off location at City Hall with 6,420 pounds of recyclables being collected.

## Blackland Prairie Raptor Center

### Rips N' Raptors Fundraiser

Join the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center on Saturday, November 11 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm for their Ribs N' Raptors Fundraiser. Enjoy Hutchins BBQ, live and silent auctions, and meet some of the birds of prey at the Raptor Center. Tickets are \$75/person or \$250 for a group of four. To register go to <http://www.bpraptorcenter.org/ribsnraptor> by November 8. The Raptor Center is located at 1625 Brockdale Park Road in Lucas. For more information call 469.964.9696.

## Join a City of Lucas Board or Commission

Would you like to serve your community and get involved? One way to do that is to serve on a City of Lucas Board or Commission. The Lucas City Council is always looking for dedicated individuals that are interested in preserving the quality of life in Lucas. To serve on the City's Boards and Commissions, all candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Be a citizen of the City for twelve (12) continuous months prior to the date of appointment
- Be eighteen (18) years old prior to the date of appointment
- Have not been convicted of, and are not currently charged with a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude
- Have no indebtedness to the City, such as delinquent taxes
- Be a qualified voter of the City

Visit <http://www.lucastexas.us/departments/boards-commissions/> to complete the on-line application. There are currently two vacant positions on the Parks and Open Space Board. The application deadline is November 10 and the City Council will be conducting interviews and considering appointments at their December 7 and December 17 City Council meetings.



## Adopt a Pet

Bosch, is a 2-year old tabby that loves to cuddle. If you would like to learn more about Bosch, visit Collin County Animal Services at [http://collincountytx.gov/animal\\_services/Pages/default.aspx](http://collincountytx.gov/animal_services/Pages/default.aspx).



# LUCAS COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Santa is getting closer and closer! Lucas "Country Christmas" is an old fashioned family fun event that is loved by all. Please join us on Friday, December 1 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Community Park next to City Hall as we ring in the Christmas season country style.

The fun begins with ice-skating... that's right folks, right here in Lucas! Whether you bring your own skates or use the ones provided you will be able to show off your talents in style gliding around the rink under the pavilion. Little ones can enjoy a ride around the park aboard Santa's festive train, and everyone can help themselves to hot dogs, popcorn, hot chocolate, marshmallow roasting, and holiday music as we wait for Santa and his Elf to arrive. Kids of all ages can talk with Santa as they tell him what's on their wish list of things they would like to find under the tree Christmas morning.

Bring the family and enjoy an evening with your neighbors as we light our holiday tree and celebrate the many joys and blessings of being part of the Lucas Community.

## Lucas Walmart Hosts Training Academy

Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele and Councilmember Debbie Fisher recently had the honor of attending a very special ceremony – the graduation class from the Walmart Academy. The celebration was held September 26 at the Lucas Walmart for the first 60 candidates to complete the training program. The Academy is designed for Supervisors, Assistant Managers, and Department Managers, and offers a program that combines classroom and sales-floor training in addition to role specific functions. Areas of study include leadership, merchandising, operations, and customer service.

The Lucas Walmart store was chosen as the training location for a number of reasons including the location, the performance of the store, and the growing sales volume. This store will serve as the training camp for approximately 36 stores from surrounding communities.

## Eagle Scout Projects

On the road to become an Eagle Scout, Life Scouts must plan, develop, and give leadership to others in their service project they choose for any religious institution, school, or community. As a demonstration of that leadership, the Scout must plan the work, organize the personnel needed, and direct the project to its completion.

The City of Lucas would like to give a huge THANK YOU to Eagle Scouts Ian Carroll and Carlo Yundt-Pacheco from Troop 131. Carlo Yundt-Pacheco stained half of the picnic tables and benches at the Lucas Community Park Pavilion and the benches located at the East Winningkoff Trailhead on August 26, 2017. Ian Carroll stained the remaining picnic tables and benches at the Community Park Pavilion on October 7, 2017. This project was a big undertaking and enhances the usefulness and beauty of our parks and trailhead.

## ● ● ● Construction Update ● ● ●

November marks the completion and beginning of several Public Works projects in Lucas. The new 6400-foot, eight-inch Snider Lane waterline is scheduled to be completed by the end of November, and a new 12-inch waterline serving citizens on Shiloh Drive, Toole Drive, and Parker Road should also be completed by the end of November, along with the widening and overlay of W. Lucas Road. The last of the new striping for W. Lucas Road should be in place this month.

Roadway maintenance projects got underway in October. Skyline Drive, Horseman Drive, Edgefield Lane cul-de-sac, a short section of Blondy Jhune Road, and Daytona Avenue will have smooth, stable new asphalt roadway by the end of November.

Just as somethings come to an end other projects are just beginning. The Winningkoff Road Reverse Curve construction is scheduled to begin in November. A traffic control plan is being created and will be published on the City's website prior to construction. During this same timeframe, the Stinson Road/W. Lucas Road Intersection and the City's North Pump Station new water tower projects will be in preparation for bidding in January/February, 2018. The design of the following projects will be in full swing in November:

- Country Club Road/Estates Parkway Turn Lane
- Winningkoff Road from Forestview Drive to Snider Lane
- Blondy Jhune Road from the western bridge to Winningkoff Road
- Stinson Road from Parker Road to Bristol Park

For more information about all of these projects, visit [www.lucastexas.us](http://www.lucastexas.us) and click on "Roadway, Water, & Construction Project Updates."

# CITY OF LUCAS SERVICE TREE AWARD

The City of Lucas has established a Service Tree Award Program that allows for appropriate annual recognition of an individual, business, youth or civic group who has contributed a significant and useful service to the community. The award will consist of the planting of a living tree on City property and presentation of an award plaque by the Mayor that will be placed by the Tree. The presentation will take place during the annual City of Lucas Founders Day event on April 14, 2018. The recipient(s) will have their picture taken and the photo, along with brief article of recognition, will be in the City's monthly newsletter, the Lucas Leader.

To recommend an individual, business, or group for recognition please fill out the Service Tree Award Nominating Form. Additional forms can be found on the City's website at [www.lucastexas.us](http://www.lucastexas.us) or at the Lucas City Hall. Nominations must be submitted no later than **January 15, 2018** to City Secretary Stacy Henderson at [shenderson@lucastexas.us](mailto:shenderson@lucastexas.us) or 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas 75002.

Nominees to be selected for recognition should meet the following criteria:

- Actions being recognized should benefit the City of Lucas or its residents in a significant manner.
- Nominee may be individual, youth, Church group, Civic or neighborhood group (ex: HOA, garden club), youth group (ex: Boy or Girl Scout troop, 4-H Club), local business, local charity or other organization.
- The Individual must live in the City of Lucas or have lived in the City of Lucas corporate limits during the time the service was performed. If a business or church, they must be located within the City of Lucas.
- All nominees will be reviewed and finalists selected by the Lucas City Council at the February 1, 2018 City Council meeting. The City of Lucas Service Tree Award(s) will be presented to the recipient(s) during the annual Lucas Founders Day event scheduled for April 14, 2018. The recipients will be notified in advance to allow family and friends to attend.

Name of individual/group being nominated:		
Address:	Email:	Phone Number:
Description of accomplishment/action that benefited the City of Lucas:		
Why do you believe this award is merited by this individual/or group:		

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*The nominator confirms that to the best of their knowledge, the nominee has not received remuneration for any professional services rendered in performing the community services described above nor was the service performed as part of court ordered community service program. Further, nominee knows and approved of this nomination. Additional sheets may be added if necessary.*